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SUBJECT: NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

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1. GON DESIRES INFORMATION SOONEST REGARDING EXPERIENCED U S FIRMS CAPABLE OF DESIGNING AND EXECUTING A NATIONAL IDENTITY SYSTEM FOR APPROXIMATELY 1 MILLION PERSONS. SYSTEM SHOULD INCLUDE PREPARATION OF IDENTIFICATION CARD WITH PROVISIONS FOR POSTIVE IDENTIFICATION, SUCH AS PICTURE AND THUMBPRINT AND A CENTRAL ISSUING AND CONTROL SYSTEM.

2. EMBASSY IS INFORMED THAT THE SHOUP COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA DID A PRE- FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE GON DURING 1966 AND 67 ON THE SUBJECT, SUCH A FIRM WOULD THEREFORE APPEAR TO BE TYPICAL OF AN INTERNATIALLY EXPERIENCED CONCERN SUCH AS THOSE DESIRED BY GON. THE EMBASSY FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT US FIRMS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SIMILAR PROJECTS IN VENEZUELA IN 1971 AND 72 AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES OF THIS AREA. THE GON HAD A CONTRACT FOR A SIMILAR PROJECT, BUT SOMEWHAT LESS COMPLETE, WITH THE CHARLES MCKEY COMPANY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, WHICH WAS CANCELLED AS A RESULT OF THE EARTHQUAKE.

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3. THE GON NOW WISHES TO RECONSIDER AND REDESIGN THE PROJECT AND WISHES TO CONSULT AS MANY AMERICAN FIRMS AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO MAKE DETERMINATION AS TO WHICH FIRM MOST SUITABLE.

4. THE NICARAAGUAN GOVERNMENT AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS HAS EXPRESSED ITS HOPE THAT INFORMATION COULD BE FURNISHED REGARDING THESE COMPANIES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. EMBASSY WOULD, THEREFORE, APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE ACTION AND RESPONSE.
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